

you could give me some idea  
of the Herbarium I would be  
very much obliged -

Was very sorry to hear  
that you had a serious attack  
of fever when you visited  
Dympie - I hope this did  
not interfere with the object  
of your visit, and that  
you are now completely  
recovered -

With kindest regards I  
am faithfully yours

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My dear Mr Watson,

I have, through the  
introduction of Dr Gray, had  
a visit from Mrs James -  
She offers me the Press  
Herbarium of her late  
husband for £200. She  
has been able to tell me  
precisely what is its nature  
and extent - but she  
says she is sure you  
will give me some idea  
of its nature, as you have

Go through it -

Our Moss Herbarium was  
very poor till we purchased  
the collection of Wilson, and  
then that of Hampe -

Wilson's was specially valuable  
for British mosses, but it  
contained also large collections  
of exotic specimens - Hampe's  
was an extensive collection  
carefully named, and  
admirably arranged -

This is now being mounted  
& incorporated: it has

a good representation of  
American species - for instance  
in Dicranum we have all the  
species but one of Lesqueux  
& Jauss' Manual. I would  
not care to have a great series  
of N American specimens repres-  
enting sundry localities - that  
might be interesting in one  
of your institutions, but  
not to us - On the other  
hand there may be besides  
the States collection, many  
others of much greater value  
to us - say your government  
expeditions - or specimens  
from tropical America.  
It without taking up much